

Sheep, Lambs, and Wool

Arizona's sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2005 was estimated at 100,000 head, down 14,000 head from a year ago. Breeding sheep and lamb inventory, at 60,000 head, increased 3,000 head from January 1, 2004. Market sheep and lambs inventory, at 40,000 head, decreased by 17,000 head from the previous year.

Sheep and lamb marketings in 2004 were 101,000 head, 11,000 less than 2003. Average prices received by sheep operators in

2004 were \$40.00 per hundredweight for sheep, up \$2.00 from 2003, and \$95.00 per hundredweight for lambs, up \$6.00 from 2003. Cash receipts totaled \$8.86 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Average wool prices decreased 4 cents to 30 cents per pound. Wool production was valued at \$174,000, down 18 percent from the previous year.

Sheep: Number of Operations and Inventory 1/

	----- January 1 -----						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Arizona							
Operations (Number)	300	300	250	250	270	260	2/
Inventory (1,000 Head)	140	140	120	115	115	114	100
United States							
Operations (Number)	70,000	69,200	68,600	68,150	67,720	67,160	2/
Inventory (1,000 Head)	7,247	7,036	6,908	6,623	6,321	6,105	6,135

1/ An operation is any place having one or more sheep on hand during the year.

2/ Not available until January 2006.

Sheep: By Class, Farm Value, and Lamb Crop

	----- January 1 -----						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Breeding sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)							
Ewes	58	60	53	49	49	48	50
Rams	3	4	3	3	3	3	3
Replacement lambs	7	6	6	5	5	6	7
Market sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)	72	70	58	58	58	57	40
All sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)	140	140	120	115	115	114	100
Farm Value							
Per head (Dollars)	89	96	98	96	115	121	135
Total (1,000 Dollars)	12,460	13,440	11,760	11,040	13,225	13,794	13,500
Lamb crop (1,000 Head)	45	42	39	34	34	40	1/

1/ Not available until January 2006.

Sheep and Lambs: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
	----- 1,000 Head -----						
Inventory January 1	140	140	120	115	115	114	100
Lamb crop	45	42	39	34	34	40	3/
In-shipments	85	69	81	68	93	64	3/
Marketings 1/							
Sheep	2	14	20	5	17	9	3/
Lambs	111	99	88	81	95	92	3/
Farm slaughter 2/	13	15	13	13	13	13	3/
Deaths							
Sheep	2	2	2	2	2	2	3/
Lambs	2	1	2	1	1	2	3/

1/ Includes animals for custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State out-shipments, but excludes inter-farm sales within the State.

2/ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

3/ Not available until January 2006.